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SUBJECT: TURKISH CHROMITE ORE

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1. COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR OF TURKISH EMBASSY (EKREM GERIS)
CALLED ON CHIEF OF EB/ISM TO DISCUSS USG INTEREST IN
TURKISH CHROMITE. WE EXPLAINED SITUATION IN TERMS OF
REF B. GERIS CONFIRMED TURKISH INTEREST IN EXPANDING SALES
IN US AND THOUGHT TURKEY WOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY IN
SUPPLYING IMMEDIATELY THE QUANTITIES OF REFRACTORY GRADE
CHROMITE WHICH THE US PRESENTLY OBTAINS FROM RHODESIA
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(5,183 SHORT TONS IN 1974) AND WOULD GRADUALLY BE ABLE TO

SUPPLY THE LARGER QUANTITIES OF METALLURGICAL GRADE. WITH LONG-TERM CONTRACTS FOR FERRO-CHROME AND POSSIBLY SOME US INVESTMENT, TURKEY WOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO EXPAND PRODUCTION SUFFICIENTLY TO MEET US REQUIREMENTS. IN ALL, GERIS SEEMED EAGER TO EXPLORE THESE POSSIBILITIES FURTHER.

2. GERIS WAS TOLD THAT ANY INDICATION WHICH GOT COULD GIVE US IN WRITING OF PROBABLE AVAILABILITY OF TURKISH CHROMITE OR FERRO-CHROME MIGHT BE USEFUL IN COUNTERING ARGUMENT BEING MADE THAT LOSS OF RHODESIAN SUPPLIES THROUGH REPEAL OF BYRD AMENDMENT WOULD INCREASE US DEPENDENCE ON USSR. HE UNDERTOOK TO SEEK FURTHER INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS GOVERNMENT. KISSINGER

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